

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 13, 17, 18 and 19 and ADD new claim 21 in accordance with the following:

1-12. (CANCELLED)

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of electronically authorizing or repudiating an electronically processed task, comprising:

storing a plurality of elements forming tasks ~~into a database~~ subsequent to an electronic authorization or repudiation of said tasks, each of said plurality of elements including a user identifier requesting authorization and/or repudiation reasons and a date of authorization and/or repudiation;

retrieving repudiation reasons of elements of previously reviewed tasks among said elements stored ~~from said database~~ that match elements forming a current task to be electronically authorized and a user requesting authorization of said current task; and

displaying said retrieved repudiation reasons of said elements ~~stored of said previously reviewed tasks~~ and retrieved repudiation reasons for the user in association with said elements of the current task to be electronically authorized, and

wherein of said elements forming the current task to be electronically authorized, an element matching at least one of said elements of the previously reviewed tasks among said elements ~~displayed~~ is designated as a check point for review based on a number of said retrieved repudiation reasons of the elements of the previously reviewed tasks in comparison to a number of authorizations of said element for the task and the user, and an accumulated number of ~~cases of~~ repudiation reasons totaling a number for each repudiation reason within a designated term is displayed as the check point.

14-16. (CANCELLED)

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of electronically authorizing or repudiating an electronically processed task, comprising:

~~associating-comparing~~ elements forming ~~completed-previously reviewed~~ tasks with ~~of~~ a user requesting authorization or repudiation reasons with ~~matching-elements~~ of a current task submitted for review, each of said elements including a user identifier requesting authorization or repudiation reasons and a date of authorization and/or repudiation; and

identifying an element among elements of said current task as a check point for review ~~among elements of said task submitted by the user for review in association with~~when a ~~previously-repudiated~~ element of said ~~completed-previously reviewed~~ tasks matches the element of said current task,

where said element identified as the check point matches said ~~previously-repudiated~~ element of the ~~completed-previously reviewed~~ tasks corresponding to the user and an accumulated number of ~~eases-of~~ repudiation reasons totaling a number for each repudiation reason within a designated term is displayed as the check point.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of electronically authorizing or repudiating electronically processed tasks, comprising:

receiving a first task having contents developed by a user;

comparing the contents of the first task to determine matching contents of a second task ~~previously-developed~~ by the user and previously reviewed by a reviewer, said contents of the second task including an identifier of the user, authorization or repudiation reasons and a date of authorization or repudiation; and

identifying an object among the contents of the first task ~~in association with~~ matching an object of said second task; and

indicating said object of the first task as a check point to be reviewed by the reviewer ~~when said comparing indicates that the object of the first task matches an~~ a result of a previous review of the object of the second task identified with the object of the first task indicates a ~~previously-repudiated~~ previous repudiation, where an accumulated number of ~~eases-of~~ repudiation reasons totaling a number for each repudiation reason within a designated term is displayed as the check point.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of electronically authorizing or repudiating electronically processed tasks, comprising:

determining whether elements of a current task match ~~stored~~ elements of previously reviewed tasks of a user responsive to submission of the current task for review by the user; and identifying elements of the current task that match repudiated elements of the previously reviewed tasks of the user based on said determining and providing a ratio of repudiation reasons within a designated term for said elements identified.

20. (CANCELLED)

21. (NEW) A method of electronically authorizing or repudiating an electronically processed task, comprising:

storing a plurality of elements forming tasks into a database subsequent to an electronic authorization or repudiation of said tasks, each of said plurality of elements including a user identifier requesting authorization and/or repudiation reasons and a date of authorization and/or repudiation;

retrieving repudiation reasons of elements stored from said database that match elements forming a task to be electronically authorized and a user requesting authorization of said task; and

displaying said retrieved repudiation reasons of said elements stored and retrieved repudiation reasons for the user in association with said elements of the task to be electronically authorized, and

wherein of said elements forming the task to be electronically authorized, an element among said elements displayed is designated as a check point for review based on a number of said retrieved repudiation reasons in comparison to a number of authorizations of said element for the task and the user, and an accumulated number of repudiation reasons totaling a number for each repudiation reason within a designated term is displayed as the check point.